



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 7**

11201 Renner Boulevard
Lenexa, Kansas 66219

AUG 16 2016

Mr. Timothy Rhodd
Chairman
Iowa Tribe of KS and NE
3345B Thrasher Road
White Cloud, Kansas 66094-9624

Re: Public Water System Monitoring Requirements
Federal ID No.: 070000008

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Chairman Rhodd:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7 recognizes the Iowa Tribal Public Water System as a Community Water System, as defined by the Safe Drinking Water Act 40 CFR § 141.2. The purpose of this Notice of Violation of the SDWA is described below.

Violation: Failure to Collect Routine Total Coliform samples at Appropriate Site

The Revised Total Coliform Rule became effective April 1, 2016, and requires that Public Water Systems develop a written sample siting plan that identifies sampling sites and a sample collection schedule that are representative of water throughout the distribution system (40 CFR § 141.853(a)(1)). The written sample siting plan was to be submitted no later than March 31, 2016, and total coliform samples must be collected according to the written sample siting plan. The Iowa Tribal PWS submitted a RTCR sample siting plan on March 20, 2016. The EPA reviewed and accepted its Plan on April 20, 2016.

The EPA records indicate that the Iowa Tribe PWS performed the required monthly total coliform sampling in the month of May 2016, but failed to take the samples at the sites identified in accordance with the written sample site plan submitted and accepted by the EPA. The result is a monitoring violation for the failure to take the sample in accordance with the sample site plan.

The Iowa Tribe PWS completed routine monthly sampling on June 8, 2016, at the sites identified in accordance with the accepted RTCR sample siting plan and those samples were absent for Total Coliform. The subsequent sampling resolves the violation but public notification will be required. You should continue collecting monthly samples according to the accepted sample siting plan.

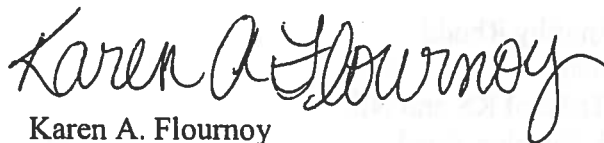
Public Notification

Community Water Systems are required to provide public notice of monitoring violations pursuant to 40 CFR § 141.204 no later than one year after the PWS learns of the violation. Instead of an individual

public notice, a PWS may publish this type of violation in its annual Consumer Confidence Report detailing all violations, as long as it is within one year of the monitoring violation.

If you have questions on this letter, please contact Kimberly Burr at willis-burr.kimberly@epa.gov or by telephone at (913) 551-7069.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen A. Flournoy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen A. Flournoy
Division Director
Water, Wetlands and Pesticides Division

cc: Vernon Rhodd, Operator Iowa Tribal PWS
Lyle Setwyn, Indian Health Service, Holton, KS